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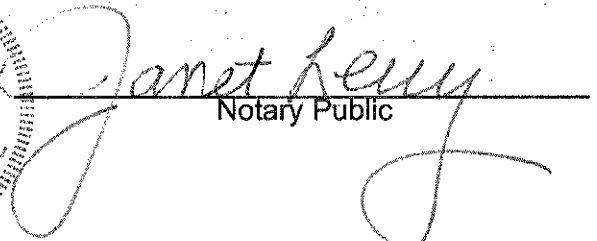
Before me, a Notary Public, for the County and State aforesaid, Edward Dulin, known to me to be such, who being sworn according to law deposes and says that he is President of Independent Newsmedia Inc. USA, the publisher of the **Delaware State News**, a daily newspaper published at Dover, County of Kent, and State of Delaware, and that the notice, a copy of which is hereto attached, as published in the **Delaware State News** in its issue of February 17th 2017.



President
Independent Newsmedia Inc. USA

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Notary Public

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT
COMPANY FOR AN INCREASE IN ELECTRIC BASE RATES AND
MISCELLANEOUS TARIFF CHANGES
(Filed May 17, 2016) PSC Docket No. 16-0649**

NOTICE OF EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS

**TO: ALL DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS AND OTHER
INTERESTED PARTIES**

A Hearing Examiner of the Delaware Public Service Commission ("the Commission") will conduct evidentiary hearings concerning the above-referenced Application (as further explained below) at the following date/time and location:

DATE & TIME
March 7, 2017 at 10 a.m.
and
March 8 and 9, 2017 at 9 a.m.,
IF NECESSARY

LOCATION
Carvel State Office Building
3rd Floor Conference Room
820 North French Street
Wilmington, Delaware

The evidentiary hearings are being held in accordance with 26 Del. C. §503 and 29 Del. C. §§ 10122, 10124 and 10125. The hearings will continue from day-to-day (if necessary) until concluded. Anyone planning to attend the evidentiary hearings should consult the Commission's website prior to the event for any change or cancellation in the time, location or date.

THE APPLICATION

On May 17, 2016, Delmarva Power & Light Company ("Delmarva" or the "Company") filed with the Commission an Application seeking approval of an increase in its electric base rates and miscellaneous tariff changes. The Application has been docketed as Docket No. 16-0649. In its Application, Delmarva sought an increase in annual operating revenues of \$62,766,280, or 10.6% over existing rates. In a January 11, 2017 filing, Delmarva reduced this request to \$60,235,194, or 10.2% over existing rates.

According to the Company, this increase is needed to replace aging infrastructure, to address the Company's rising costs of providing service, to maintain system reliability and safety, to modernize the grid, and to continue to improve the Company's customer service.

By Order No. 8900 dated June 7, 2016, the Commission opened this docket and permitted interim rates of \$2.5 million to become effective with usage on and after July 17, 2016. Thereafter, by Order No. 8999 dated December 1, 2016, the Commission permitted an additional \$29.6 million in rates to become effective with usage on and after December 17, 2016, with proration, subject to modification and refund after a final determination is made by the Commission.

THE EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS

Evidentiary hearings are conducted to formally introduce evidence into the record and to make available for cross-examination the parties' witness testimony, including testimony that may be offered with respect to any settlement agreement that may be reached by the parties prior to the hearings. At the evidentiary hearings, the Hearing Examiner will consider the Application, the pre-filed and live testimony of the parties and any other pertinent documents submitted by the parties, including any settlement reached by the parties prior to the hearings. The Hearing Examiner is obligated to reach a decision based upon the evidence presented at the evidentiary hearings.

If a settlement agreement is reached, the evidentiary hearings will address whether it is in the public interest for the Commission to approve the Settlement Agreement. If a settlement is reached, please call the PSC and ask whether it anticipates that the Second and Third days of the hearings will be necessary. Subsequent to the evidentiary hearings, at a time not yet determined, this Application along with the Hearing Examiner's Recommendation will be considered by the Commission.

Persons or entities which were granted intervention in this Application may present witnesses, conduct cross-examination or introduce evidence at the evidentiary hearings. Members of the public are welcome to attend the evidentiary hearing and/or the Commission's meeting as observers.

You are invited to review Delmarva's Application and supporting documents to determine how your interests may be affected. You may review documents pertaining to this matter on the Commission's e-filing website at <https://delafile.delaware.gov>. You may also review copies of the Application and supporting documents at the Wilmington office of the Division of the Public Advocate located at the Carvel State Office Building, 4th Floor, 820 North French Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 or at the Dover office located at 29 S. State Street, Dover, DE 19901. Please call the Wilmington office at (302) 577-5077 or the Dover office at (302) 241-2555 to arrange for a time to review the documents at that location.

If you wish to request copies of documents in this matter, please submit a Freedom of Information Act Request Form. This form may be found at http://delaware.gov/forms/foia_request_form.pdf. A Freedom of Information Act request can also be made on line at http://delaware.gov/help/foia_request.shtml?subj=PSC. The Commission will respond to your request in accordance with the Delaware Freedom of Information Act, 20 Del. C. ch. 100.

If you have a disability and wish to participate, or to review the materials, in these proceedings, please contact the Commission to discuss any auxiliary aids or services you might need to help you. You may contact the Commission in person, by writing, by telephone (including text telephone), by Internet e-mail, or other means.

If you have questions about this matter, you may call the Commission at 1-800-282-8574 (toll-free in Delaware) or (302) 736-7500 (voice and text telephone). You may also send questions by Internet e-mail addressed to psc@state.de.us. Include "Docket No. 16-0649" as the subject.
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